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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives are pleased to congratulate Thomas T.S. Cheng, director general of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office (TECO) in Chicago, on being named the Representative of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Helsinki, Finland; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Cheng became the director general of TECO-Chicago on August 5, 2003; he earned a B.A. degree from National Chengchi University, an M.A. degree from National Taiwan University, and an M.S. degree from the Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service at Georgetown University; and

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WHEREAS, He joined the ROC Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 1971; he was secretary general of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs before he came to Chicago; he also served as director general of TECO in Boston and Toronto, Canada; and

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WHEREAS, His duties in Chicago included promoting the general relations, including those related to the economy, culture, education, technology, and trade between Taiwan and the midwest states and enhancing democracy and human rights; and

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WHEREAS, He also invited delegations of leaders from the

1 midwestern state legislatures to Taiwan; he organized an
2 agricultural goodwill delegation from Taiwan to visit
3 Illinois; he promoted the exchange of Chinese language
4 education; and he successfully earned the support of the State
5 of Illinois and the General Assembly; and

6 WHEREAS, He and his wife left Chicago on January 29, 2009
7 to begin his new post as the Representative of the Taipei
8 Economic and Cultural Office in Helsinki, Finland; therefore,
9 be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
11 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
12 again congratulate Thomas Cheng and wish him the best in his
13 future endeavors; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
15 presented to Thomas T.S. Cheng as a symbol of our respect and
16 esteem.